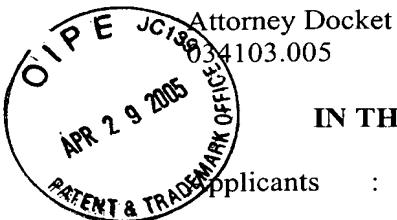


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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This Amendment replaces the one filed March 25, 2005 held to be non-compliant because of the use of the status identifier "Previously Withdrawn" rather than the acceptable status identifier "Withdrawn". Except for that change, this amendment is substantively the same as the one filed March 25, 2005. This amendment assumes non-entry of the non-compliant amendment.

A response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004 was due February 4, 2004. A Petition for Extension of Time (one month, large entity) was filed with the Amendment of March 25, 2005, extending the response due date. The amendment filed March 25 was timely filed.

Kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows: